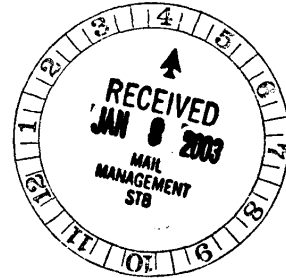


December 16, 2002

Victoria Rutson  
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Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
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**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 399X);  
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company  
Abandonment from Reynolds, Nebraska to Endicott, Nebraska**

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Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed please find 10 copies plus the original amended verification page for the Notice of Exemption for the Reynolds, Nebraska to Endicott, Nebraska abandonment. Due to an oversight, the original verification page states that there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted. In actuality, there is overhead traffic to be rerouted. The overhead traffic will be rerouted via Table Rock, Nebraska, as stated in page three and page five of the environmental report.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Smith

Enclosures

cc: Sarah Whitley Bailiff  
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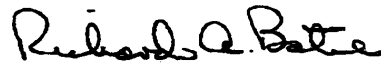
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Richard A. Batie makes oath and says he is Manager, Shortline Development in the Network Development department of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company; that he has been authorized by the Applicant to verify and file with the Surface Transportation Board the foregoing Notice of Exemption in AB-6 (Sub-No. 349X); that he affirms that the line has had no local traffic in the prior two (2) years and that there is overhead traffic to be rerouted; that he has carefully examined all of the statements in the Notice; that he has knowledge of the facts and matters relied upon in the Notice; and that all representations set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



Richard A. Batie  
Manager, Shortline Development

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 13 day of December 2002.



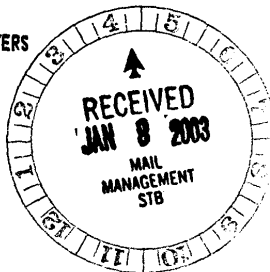
  
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